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Letter dated 3 June 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions of my Government, I wish to bring to your attention a provocative and criminal act perpetrated by the Turkish occupation forces in Cyprus.

This morning, Monday, 3 June 1996, at 6.30 a.m. local time, a Turkish soldier shot and killed, in cold blood, a Greek-Cypriot National Guardsman, Stelios Panagi Kalli, in the buffer zone of Nicosia. The National Guardsman, who was unarmed, was shot and killed without any prior warning or any attempt to arrest him.

It should be noted that at 6.45 a.m. the local United Nations Troop Commander went to the scene of the shooting but was not able to move to the National Guard soldier as there were three shots fired by Turkish-Cypriot soldiers. It was only after about 25 minutes that the United Nations soldiers were finally able to rescue the body, as confirmed by the United Nations Spokesperson at today's press briefing. The Cyprus Government considers that the Turkish occupation forces bear full responsibility for this callous act.

This tragic event reaffirms the need of adequate measures on the part of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) to ensure that such acts of violence and aggression in cold blood are not repeated.

I wish to stress in the strongest possible terms my Government's protest, indignation and condemnation of this unprovoked criminal act, which underlines once again the inherent dangers to peace and security emanating from the continued presence of the Turkish occupation forces in Cyprus.

I shall be grateful if the text of the present letter is circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 55, and of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations